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Power source

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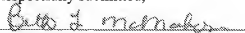
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**Comments on Reasons for Allowance**

The Notice of Allowability dated August 17, 2010, which accompanied the Notice of Allowance dated June 9, 2011 provided a statement concerning the allowance of claims 28, 29 and 31 and the prior art of record. Applicants do not necessarily acquiesce to, or agree with, this characterization of the claims and the prior art. Moreover, Applicants do not necessarily agree that the aspects cited in the Reasons for Allowance as distinguishing the claims over the cited prior art of record are the only such aspects. At least some of these claims recite other aspects that are novel and non-obvious over the cited prior art.

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